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MARINE INFORMATION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NOTICE TO MARINERS CHANGE IN DISTRIBUTION

The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) is in the midst of a hard copy to digital transition program. NGA has statutory requirements to produce and make available safety of navigation data and will continue to meet this obligation to the mariner. The weekly Notice to Mariners is available free of charge to all customers through the Internet on our website. Beginning with Notice to Mariners No. 1, 2005 NGA will no longer print and distribute hard copy versions of this weekly product.

The digital version of the weekly Notice to Mariners is available on the Maritime Safety Information website at http://pollux.nss.nga.mil/ or through the NGA home page (www.nga.mil). All of the information and data contained in the hard copy Notice is also available on this website. Customers can rely on the same quality of data that the Notice to Mariners provides to the civil and military mariner with the advantages afforded by the Internet. Customers can access daily navigational safety updates and not be hampered by weekly mail deliveries of the hard copy Notice.

NOAA CHART NEW EDITIONS AND THEIR AVAILABILITY

NOAA recognizes two paper nautical chart products:

- the Charts-on-Demand chart distributed by OceanGrafix (www.OceanGrafix.com), and
- the traditional NOAA/NOS paper chart distributed by the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA).

The Charts-on-Demand chart is available the day after NOAA clears a New Edition for release. The traditional chart is available two to eight weeks later. Each is official, should be put into service immediately, and meets Federal chart carriage requirements immediately upon its release. For questions, contact NOAA at help@nauticalcharts.gov or call 301-713-1773 x105. Dates of Latest Edition for both charts are listed at http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov.

This week's new edition released by NOAA is listed below:

12364 35th Ed. Aug 2004 NEW EDITION

NAD 83

(NOS Silver Spring, MD)

CT-NY-NEW HAVEN HARBOR ENTRANCE AND PORT JEFFERSON TO THROGS NECK

VARIOUS

(New edition due to numerous Notice to Mariner changes, new NOS hydro and various other changes.)

18665 11th Ed. Aug 2004 NEW EDITION CA-NV-LAKE TAHOE

NAD 83

(NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:40,000

(New edition due to numerous Notice to Mariner corrections and reformat.)

NEW EDITION OF LIST OF LIGHTS

Pub. 115, 2004 Edition, List of Lights, Radio Aids and Fog Signals for Norway, Iceland and Arctic Ocean, is ready for issue.

This edition contains information available to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) up to 31 July 2004, including Notice to Mariners No. 31 of 2004.

Corrections subsequent to the above effective date, up to and including Notice to Mariners No. 38 of 2004, are contained in Section II of this Notice.

In the interval between new editions, corrective information affecting this publication will be published in the Notice to Mariners and must be applied in order to keep this publication current.

Note: Copies of the above publication may be obtained from the Government Printing Office (GPO).

NEW EDITION OF SAILING DIRECTIONS

Pub. 147, Sailing Directions (Enroute) Caribbean Sea, Volume 1, Eighth Edition, 2004, is ready for issue. This publication has been corrected to 5 June 2004, including Notice to Mariners No. 23 of 2004.

This edition is produced by NGA in digital format only, available on CD-ROM and/or electronic access through the World Wide Web.

Digital Nautical publications will be updated using a binary executable called "Publication Data Update (PDU)". PDU's are cumulative or sequential, ensuring customers will not miss any changes, and may be accessed on the Maritime Safety Information Division website (http://pollux.nss.nga.mil).

NEW EDITION OF COAST PILOT

U.S. Coast Pilot 9, Alaska: Cape Spencer to Beaufort Sea, Twenty-Second Edition, 2004, is ready for issue and may be obtained from:

Federal Aviation Administration National Aeronautical Charting Office Distribution Division, AVN-530 6303 Ivy Lane, Suite 400 Greenbelt, MD 20770-1479

and authorized sales agents of the National Ocean Service. Price \$26.00.

The 2004 Edition cancels the preceding 2003 Edition.

All corrections to the previous edition issued in Notice to Mariners are incorporated in this edition.

Mariners are encouraged to use the convenient "RECORD OF CHANGES" form on Page V of this book. All Coast Pilot changes published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Notice to Mariners, and on the Internet at http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm/ are serially numbered (i.e., Change No. 1, Change No. 2, etc.) to assist you in tracking the changes.

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